

Financial Services and General Government

Listed in alphabetical order by organization

City of Brewer, Brewer Business and Commerce Park, Brewer, Maine -- \$1,500,000

Funds would enable the City of Brewer to move forward with its plans to develop a business and commerce park. The City has already purchased and amassed the land needed, and completed preliminary design and engineering work along with an economic feasibility study. The business park will provide jobs and economic development through the investment in space for business, industrial, and manufacturing development.

Loring Development Authority, Loring Commerce Centre Infrastructure Development, Limestone, Maine -- \$1,230,000

Funding would go toward the modernization of facilities and infrastructure at the Loring Commerce Centre in Limestone, Maine to support business development. Modernizing these facilities will help assure that the infrastructure serving this regional economic center will continue to be reliable and available for small businesses to occupy.

Maine Dairy Industry Association, Small Dairy Farm Sustainability, Augusta, Maine -- \$3,000,000

Funds would go toward supporting long term stability and economic development for Maine dairy farms. Funding would help evaluate the environmental management of dairy farm and make suggestions on how the farms could improve their practices. The analysis would allow Maine dairy farmers to learn of their full environmental impact, and provide them with the information needed to improve their practices and efficiency.

Town of Orono, Kelley Road Business Park, Orono, Maine -- \$1,900,000

Funding would enable the Town of Orono to provide infrastructure and facility upgrades essential for developing a business park. The Town has already completed the preliminary master plan for this property, which anchors its economic development zone. The project will build essential infrastructure to attract the private capital needed to create jobs.

University of Maine, Forest Bioproducts Entrepreneurship, Orono, Maine -- \$1,000,000

Advances at the University of Maine in the science of producing bioproducts and composites from woody biomass have created intellectual property (IP) that is ready for commercialization. This project will take this IP and make better connections into the local forest products industry for sustainable job creation. The objective of this initiative is to explore and develop a method for supporting technology transfer of university IP through venture team development, skill training, and mentoring.

University of Southern Maine, Science Technology Research Center, Portland, Maine – \$1,662,000

Funds would enable the University of Southern Maine to build out available lab-ready space in the bioscience building. The labs will be designed to be adaptive to various biology and chemistry protocols and lines of work to serve as a hub for faculty work that engages students. This infrastructure development will facilitate additional technology research and further develop collaborations between the University of Southern Maine and the region's science and biotechnology businesses.

Washington Hancock Community Agency, Washington, Rural Business Energizer Program, Milbridge, Maine -- \$250,000

Funds would go toward providing business training to rural entrepreneurs in Washington and Hancock counties to help them grow their businesses, start new enterprises, and create new jobs. This training will provide a foundation for future growth as these businesses expand.